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The Community Meals Newsletter--
connecting community to issues big & small



WEATHERING LIFE TOGETHER AS NEIGHBORS

THIS WEEK'S MEAL INSIGHT: RICE PUDDING/ARROZ CON LECHE

This week, enjoy Arroz Con Leche.

The origin of this dessert comes from the Muslim world and was imported into Spain when the Muslims conquered the South of the Iberian Peninsula.

Middle Eastern Variations on it include some of the following ingredients: date syrup, rosewater, and saffron!

Many during the pandemic have come to rely more and more on our neighbors. Neighbors might have been the only people you saw -from a distance—for many days or weeks in 2020.

People have lost many things due to the pandemic—too many to count. A positive of all of this, however, might be that we began to really see our neighbors. Or if we were close before, maybe we became closer.

For some of us, the meaning of neighbor means more now than it did then.

Neighbor of course has a broader meaning than just the folks next door. What makes someone a neighbor?

A Community Meals, we have discovered a new way that people can become neighbors. Week after week as folks come here, waiting outside for meals together—and become neighbors that way.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF:



**Sarah
Offenbacher**

Sarah Offenbacher's bright face graces the church every week. She always brings a warm smile to her work as a Program Assistant. Sarah herself is of Latino descent and is currently trying to pick up Spanish from folks in the kitchen and at home, too.

Sarah does the purchasing of supplies for our program--an essential task in its own rite. She joined our team in late October to help support the development of the Community Meals program. Look for her work on our website (in process) and a survey that's heading your way in the near future!

A LITTLE BIT OF SPANISH



The little nut
featured in our
salad this week
is
una pacana.



Did you know?

@ COMMUNITY MEALS



The church building is host, not only to Community Meals, but other opportunities for the community to gather. Take advantage (aprovechar in Spanish) of this faith community that exists right in the heart of North College Park.

Here are some things you may not know about:

+After-School Program for elementary school kids focused on math, reading, and music through a partnership with UMD students. On Tuesday afternoons. Music lessons available for kids in the program! Masks required. Open to kids from Hollywood Elementary, K-5.

+ESL classes and Spanish classes during Spring/Summer.

+ Sunday worship at 10am in person and online. In July, College Park Methodist got a new minister, Evelyn Rivera. If you are looking for a church home, come meet the church community and the new bilingual pastor.